Hassan District.—There was a light fall of rain in parts of the district during the week. The markets were fairly well supplied with food grains. Standing crops are in a good condition.

Prices of food grains continue to be high.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present. More rain is needed for the standing crops.

Kadur District.—Food stuffs were available in all the markets in sufficient quantities to meet the local demand. In the Koppa Taluk, ragi was sold at 8 seers a rupee as against $7\frac{1}{2}$ seers in the previous week. Except in this respect, there was no change in the price of food stuffs.

Shimoga District.—During the week there was rain all over the district which considerably improved the situation. Agricultural prospects seem to be good. The food situation remains unchanged.

Chitaldrug District.—There was heavy rainfall during the week throughout the district and the seasonal conditions have greatly improved. The standing crops are in good condition. Harrowing and weeding operations are going on.

There has also been a slight fall in the prices of food grains. The markets are receiving good supplies of grains.

General (By Food Controller.)—There has been some good fall of rain during the week in all the districts and the condition of the standing crops is good.

The supply in the markets is reported to have been quite ample. In the Chitaldrug District and in the Koppa Taluk prices have shown a tendency to fall though very slightly. In other places prices remain the same as in last week.

The demand for Burma rice is slack throughout the State except in the Civil and Military Station only where it continues as before. The Provincial Grain Depot is issuing Burma rice as heretofore and the Test Depots in the Bangalore City are continuing to sell rice to the Public.

C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Award of Prizes under Village Improvement Scheme.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 6284-97—L. R. 15-15-254, dated 19th December 1916, sanctioning tentatively for a period of three years the award of prizes to the value of Rs. 50 to the village showing the best result under the Village Improvement Scheme in each taluk or sub-taluk.

Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 3150, dated 14th July 1920, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, stating that he agrees with the majority of the Deputy Commissioners that the system of granting the prizes sanctioned in the order read above, may be continued for sometime longer and suggesting that the payment of the rewards may be left for the consideration of the District and Taluk Boards concerned.

ORDER NO. R. 5122-34—R. M. 5-19 72, DATED BANGALORE, 15TH OCTOBER 1920.

Government are pleased to sanction the continuance for a further period of three years of the present system of granting rewards, as directed in the order read above.

By Order,
B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Government.
The Secretary, Economic Conference Development Board.
The Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Mysore.
The Inspector-General of Education in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

Miras to Toties and Talaries.

Read—

Government Order No. R. 6292-302—L. R. 369-10-4, dated the 31st December 1915, passing orders on the question of payment and the compulsory levy of miras to toties and talaries.

2. Representations brought forward at the Representative Assembly of 1917 and other sessions of the assembly, complaining on the one hand, that the payment of miras operates as a hardship on land owners for whom these village servants do no work, and on the other that the land-owners are not regularly giving the miras and that besides the rate of miras is insufficient.

3. The report of the Special Committee of the Representative Assembly appointed by Government to investigate the subject.

ORDER NO. R. 5135-44—L. R. 419-17-6, DATED BANGALORE, 15TH OCTOBER 1920.

The Committee reported that the rate of three seers of grain per acre is very high, that the system has not worked satisfactorily and that the rates are in general a dead letter, and they accordingly submitted the following recommendations:—

(1) That the payment of remuneration of these village servants who do only Government work and no communal work is a legitimate charge on Government and the required funds should, therefore, be provided for from the General Revenues of the State,

(2) the cash remuneration which should be slightly less than that of patels should be in addition to the inam lands held by them,

(3) should Government however find it impracticable to meet the entire cash remuneration, the levy of a cess in proportion to the raiyats' half contribution may be orderd as a last resource.

2. The subject was considered at a meeting of the Deputy Commissioners and select Heads of Departments held in March 1920, wherein the following decision was arrived at:—

"The rules may be modified by ordering a levy equivalent to 2 annas in the rupee on dry and one anna on wet and garden assessment. The inams held must be made inalienable and impartible. The extent of land to be given as inam should not exceed 10 acres of dry, 3 or 5 acres of wet, in addition to the miras. The Representative Assembly members may be consulted with regard to the levy of a cess."

3. At the Representative Assembly of June 1920, the question was again warmly discussed and opinion was against the levy of the proposed cess.

4. Government have given the case their careful consideration and consider that the payment of cash remuneration at the cost of Government, either entirely or in equal shares, with the raiyats' cess is out of the question at present on account of the enormous cost involved. When however, resettlement operations show adequate progress resulting in an appreciable increase in the land revenue Government will be prepared to take up for favourable consideration this subject along with the general question of the revision of Village establishments.

5. In these circumstances, Government direct that the Order of 1915 read above may continue in force till such time as it will be possible for Government to provide for a paid staff of totis and talaris.

B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Superintendent of Revenue Survey and Settlements in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

Levy of Income-tax.

READ—

Letter dated 4th October 1920, from Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah, President, Citizens' Meeting, Mysore City, forwarding, for the consideration of Government, a copy of the proceedings of the aforesaid meeting held on the 28th September last, in connection with the levy of Income-tax.

2. Notes of representations made by a deputation of merchants of Mysore, that waited on the Dewan at Mysore on 11th October 1920 in the same connection.

ORDER NO. 26-28—I. T. 17-20, DATED CAMP MYSORE, 20TH OCTOBER 1920.

Government have carefully considered the several representations made by the deputation and are pleased to record their replies and observations in regard to each one of them as noted in the memo annexed to this order.